

Letters to the Editor ...

UFO Secrecy in the UK

In January 1998, the [UK] Ministry of Defence (MoD) declassified into the public domain a number of previously withheld files on the UFO subject, which add greatly to our understanding of the MoD's handling of the UFO controversy in the 1960s.

Perhaps the most significant file is one which details the UFO investigative activities of a specific Defence Intelligence Staff department whose involvement in the UFO subject has long been a matter of keen debate: DI55.

In my book, *A Covert Agenda*, I revealed that DI55 was one of a number of specialist divisions which was tasked with examining UFO data; however, at the time of publication, little was known beyond that basic fact. That situation changed dramatically in January 1998.

As the file in question reveals, the public office of the MoD which was responsible for investigating UFO encounters at the time (1967) was S4 (AIR); however, the file makes it abundantly clear that S4 (AIR)'s only mandate was to make provisional enquiries with RAF Fylingdales in an attempt to determine if the reported phenomena were in any way related to the misidentification of satellites.

The file also reveals the eye-opening fact that in those instances where Fylingdales were unable to make a positive identification, S4 (AIR) were required to cease their investigations, and any further action was to be undertaken by DI55.

Most astonishing of all, the files reveal that the department within DI55 tasked with investigating UFO activity over the United Kingdom was none other than the Space Division. Moreover, the files reveal that the Space Division assumed this investigative role as far back as May 1967!

Given that the Ministry of Defence would have us believe that the focal point for UFO investigations is the Secretariat of the Air Staff, these particular files make a mockery of the MoD's assertions, particularly in light of the fact that DI55 is still heavily implicated in analysing UFO data to this day. There can now be absolutely no doubt that the Secretariat of the Air Staff is mandated to carry out only the most

basic and preliminary investigations into UFO encounters over the UK, and that the truly in-depth investigations fall (and have done for more than 30 years) into the domain of DI55.

This is a remarkable breakthrough, and one which should not come as a surprise to those of us who maintain that officialdom knows a great deal more about the UFO controversy than has previously been realised.

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No Scientific Proof for HIV

At the recent 12th World AIDS Conference held in Geneva, the International Forum for Accessible Science (IFAS) hosted an official satellite meeting, "HIV testing: open questions regarding specificity".

Scientists in Perth, Western Australia, led by Eleni Eleopoulos, biophysicist, demonstrated (linked up via satellite) to a panel of international 'HIV' critics and audience that there has been no isolation of 'HIV' according to the scientifically approved standards for retroviral isolation. They concluded that the non-specific 'HIV' tests are invalid as proof for hypothetical 'HIV infection'.

Meanwhile, hunger strikers outside the Palexpo Centre demanded that Dr Bernard Hirschel, Conference Chairman, provide proof for the existence of 'HIV' (including characterisation of the putative HIV proteins and genetic material, which are essential for isolation).

At a press conference, Dr Robert Gallo was asked by Lluís Botinas (Coordinator, COBRA, Spain): "Shall you present to the hunger strikers the scientific proof of the existence of HIV, Dr Gallo?" Gallo's reply was "Shut up!". Is saying "Shut up!" a form of scientific proof?

In response to this, the hunger strikers released a press statement to the assembled world media on the fifth day of their strike: "We have come to the conclusion that 'HIV' has never been isolated. That means that nobody can confirm the existence of 'HIV'. Some direct consequences are: the 'HIV' tests are not valid and must be immediately forbidden; the fatally toxic medication (cocktails) administered as 'anti-HIV' have no

justification and must be immediately forbidden... Today our hunger strike has empowered our position. Neither President Hirschel nor the other 'AIDS specialists' has provided the scientific proof we ask for."

At the closing press conference I asked Dr Hirschel and Richard Horton, editor of the *Lancet*: "...the current indirect HIV tests and PCR are not sufficient proof that HIV has been isolated. Where is the proof that HIV exists?" None of the panel answered.

Despite 15 years of intensive AIDS research, no one can prove that 'HIV' exists.

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Health Industry Integrity

Dear Duncan: As you are aware, we have been fighting the TGA [Therapeutic Goods Administration] since May 1997 on the basis that we believe that their draconian policies will severely restrict the sale of natural products to the public. This includes vitamins, treatments and devices.

Unfortunately, the majority of the manufacturers and importers of these products have not taken seriously what they have been told. The TGA has now been able to legislate through Parliament and bring new and serious regulations into play. The TGA's platform is basically that the public have to be protected from organisations and treatments that will give sick people false hope.

This writer believes that any therapy and any modality that helps sick people must be publicised, to give those people a choice of which path they should follow. They can't make an educated decision without the full knowledge of what is available. The danger lies in organisations promising results they can't possibly deliver, and I am a firm advocate for promoting the true benefits of one's services and products.

As someone who has worked in the field of ionisation for some thirty years, any new product that comes onto the market claiming to offer the benefits of ionisation is of great interest to me. Perhaps there is some new research that will benefit the industry and, in

turn, the general public. Unfortunately, when a product does not perform the services it guarantees, once again it is the entire industry that suffers.

Take, for example, the "Air Supply", advertised in the last [Australian] edition of NEXUS. The machine does, I'm sure, have some merit in the removal of bacteria; however, using the 134A Atmospheric Ion Analyser to measure the negative ions emitted by Air Supply, the analyser was unable to measure even one, let alone 70 trillion ions as promised. Our information indicates that the Air Supply emits only ozone, which is in fact harmful when inhaled, especially for asthmatics. (Readers can research the harmful effects of inhaling ozone by visiting the Internet website <<http://www.medscape.com>>.)

With thanks to the media, the public today are very wary of false promises, and with the TGA closely monitoring the natural health services industry, I urge my colleagues to stick to the facts about what their devices actually do.

Let's maintain the integrity of our industry and work together to provide our clients with the best possible products available for their health.

Wishing you and your readers good health,

Yours sincerely, Joshua Shaw, Managing Director, Bionic Products, PO Box 555, Robina Qld 4226, Australia, tel (07) 5593 1122, www.negativeions.com

Australian Govt Woos TNCs

Dear Duncan: I thought you'd be interested in something that could be used for your 'short snippets' at the front of the magazine.

I found a very surreptitious comment tucked away in a document produced by the Sydney City Council (*Living City*, the Council's blueprint for Sydney), which was sent to me after I responded to an advertisement in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, calling for residents' input into the plans for Sydney's near future. Unfortunately I can't send you my copy because it's all I have, but the book can be obtained from the Sydney City Council.

The comment on page 7, under the chapter titled "Prosperous & International", reads: "The recent moves by the federal government to provide incentives for transna-

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tional corporations to establish regional headquarters are particularly likely to benefit this city."

Are they talking about seducing TNCs with low-tax profits, while local business foots the bill—as exposed by industry watchers such as John Cumming? And with City Council and probably local councils looking to cash in by charging rent and utilities to TNCs for premises implementation and use, is it any wonder why our financial puppets in Canberra are ever so enthusiastic about programs like the heavily flawed MAI?

Best wishes, Drew Turney, Menai, NSW, dt3@start.com.au

Alternatives to Milk and Soy?

Dear NEXUS: I and my wife have a baby girl who was born premature (29 weeks' gestation). We have had trouble with vaccinations, but the real problem now is baby formulas.

My wife is expressing breast milk at present, but will have to change to some other form soon. With "The Health Dangers of Dairy Products" (NEXUS 5/05) and "Soybean Products: A Recipe for Disaster?" (4/03), it keeps going on. Is there anyone out there who can tell us what to feed this child on, that is not going to harm it? Please hurry, as we are very concerned.

Yours, David & Sandra Cooper, Bumbaldry, NSW, Australia
[Dear David and Sandra: Breast milk is the best milk! Failing that, I would try clean, unpasteurised, goat's or sheep's milk. Ed.]

Media Misinformation

I would just like to congratulate you on the magazine. It's a very important journal and becoming more important as time goes on. I'm just an average bloke (and *not* some right-wing extremist) who is sick and tired of the lies and misinformation we have to put up with every day at the hands of 'mainstream' media. Thank you for being there.

Unlike the mainstream media (or the 'opinion-makers', as I like to call them), your journal gives people the opportunity to actually make up their own mind. It scares me that a lot of people don't seem to be able to do this any more. Your journal, at the very least, promotes freedom of thought.

This is what's most valuable.

Anyway, thanks again, and keep the faith. Don

CIA Posing as Mormons?

Dear Duncan & co.: I've read the interview conducted by Linda [Moulton] Howe [5/04] and wish to convey supportive experiences.

Here in Scotland, seemingly by Radio Forth only and from no other radio station, during the months after the first revelation re a supposed autopsy of an alien being, it was announced (without my hearing it) that American CIA agents were flying over to have words with British Government representatives—the news segment being partly that the CIA was very unhappy about the British Government just so easily letting this get out. The CIA was going to discuss ways of reducing public credulity of the film; and various tactics were to be discussed, especially to request derisive ridicule of the film. ...[I]t was actually mates at work who informed me of this. They said it had been broadcast twice.

So a watch was maintained of the local and national papers to get this evidentially, in print, but absolutely nothing appeared. I phoned a few papers, realising the seriousness and significance of this suppressive CIA pogrom, but they acknowledged no knowledge. So after subjecting my brain to the trouble of phoning national media radio stations and experiencing mystified or pseudo-mystified responses, there was only one thing for it: to phone my local and nearest radio station, Radio Forth and, wow, yes, they did broadcast that little piece of news! It was common knowledge as far as they were concerned—"just another piece of news, sir", "didn't see it as that big"—but yes, they did broadcast it. Some slight relief there.

Next thing, I phoned Linda Howe. (She, Michael Hesemann and I had keenly shared our annoyance at Graham Birdsall's rebuffs and jests as he, the organiser of the Leeds International UFO Conference, refused to accept the ['Roswell'] autopsy film could be sufficiently well checked out. Linda and Michael were invited speakers at this Con.) I can't remember if it was just a message left on her answerphone or whether she responded person-

ally, but I phoned her twice, with a few days between each call. The much more serious experience occurred after these calls.

Mormons came to my door the day after each call—the second time much more pushily, just about coming uninvited into the house (which I stopped them doing) as they flashed a card with my name and address on it, saying "A friend of yours said you wanted us to call"; and I was saying, "Go away! No friend of mine would ever do that!" I got them to leave with more difficulty than I had ever experienced with these sorts of people.

I was very suspicious as to their intent, intuitively linking these solicitations to my attempt to inform Linda of the CIA visits to Britain. After asking round all my friends about the Mormons having my address, none of them knew what I was talking about. All my friends are good and serious. I'm known as totally atheistic, materialistic philosophically, without the slightest interest in religion.

Philip Mantle, one of the main UFO investigators involved in releasing the autopsy film to the public, lectured about the film, ...comparing the main autopsy film to a few other mock-ups which were efforts to show how easily the whole film had been faked, and these did not look so good at all. Mantle employed them to a good opposite effect. And any film company could do exactly the same thing for television professionally. Wonder why they don't?...

David Moncoeur, Scotland, UK
[Dear David: We'll reply to your other query about videos if you could send us your address. Ed.]

Moratorium on Modified Food

Dear Duncan Roads: "Let food be your medicine and medicine your food." The Maperton Trust, which is an educational charity concerned with the holistic approach to health, has always supported the above contention and therefore has long been adamant that genetically modified ingredients of food should be treated with great reservation. The lack of supervision by statutory control increases our anxiety.

The Prince of Wales' recent statement of his belief on the situation has considerably increased

public concern about the safety of conventionally produced and processed food. Whether or not we believe in God, it is evident that there are limitations on the way humanity can improve, or distort, the wherewithal for living our lives on this planet and in this universe.

The effects of emphasising certain characteristics in bulldogs, German shepherds and other breeds of dogs and the effects of breeding for speed in racehorses are well known, but these are reversible activities and the time factor for their progression allows for assessment of the changes imposed by the breeding programme. In other activities we have not been so fortunate. The introduction of rabbits in Australia is one example of irreversible action.

The breeding of corn and grain crops to depend on applications of artificial fertiliser has increased the quantity produced, but at the expense of the health of the crops which require considerable support from agrochemicals through the growing periods, with consequent damage to the environment and the quality of food available to the bulk of the population in this country. This is reversible to some degree, although the cost of cleansing the environment is enormous. Many old varieties of crops not requiring applications of agrochemicals have been lost forever...

Because of the cross-pollination in the growing of crops, there is evidence to suggest that the genetic modifications produced recently will spread throughout the whole of the crop production within a few years. *This will be completely irreversible.* The UN, EU and our government appear not to realise this fact. They appear impotent to act in the face of commercial pressure.

We consider that genetic modification of our food poses the greatest threat to the continuance of life on this planet since the production of the atomic bomb, and we must call for an immediate and complete moratorium on the use of such modified material in the food chain for ten years to produce a breathing space to assess the threatening situation.

All good wishes, Gordon Smith, The Maperton Trust, Somerset, England, tel +44 (0)1963 32651